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SUBJECT: HAITI-ATF ETRACE MOU FOLLOW-UP: US-CARICOM
COMBATING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN ARMS JOINT INITIATIVE

REF: SECSTATE 17705

[¶1.](#) Poloff discussed proposed eTRACE MOU per reftel with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) officer on March 11. ATF officer (and POC for ATF's assessment team that visited Haiti October 2007) informed Poloff that ATF does not/not recommend and is unable to support Haiti's participation in the eTrace program at this time.

[¶2.](#) ATF officer underscored that his team's October assessment of Haiti's technical and infrastructural capacity determined that the GOH currently lacks the infrastructure to use, run and maintain the eTrace program. The infrastructure he indicated that the Haitian National Police lacked included: internet security, trained staff, technical equipment, and official protocol for recovery and documentation of seized weapons.

[¶3.](#) Per ATF's assessment, post will not approach the GOH to sign MOU with ATF for eTrace participation until the host government acquires appropriate capacity to support the program.

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